

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L LUSAKA 0514

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: EAGR, ELTN, ZA, CG, PINS

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1. EMBASSY CONTACTED BOTH NAMBOARD AND ZAMBIA RAILWAYS TO DISCUSS TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS DESCRIBED REFTEL. DIFFICULTIES CAN BE ATTRIBUTED TO A NUMBER OF FACTORS BUT SOME RELIEF EXPECTED SOON.
2. ZAMBIA RAILWAYS REJECTED ZAIRE RAIL TRUCKS SENT TO ZAMBIA TO PICK UP MAIZE BECAUSE THEY WERE CONSIDERED UNSAFE. FIFTY-FOUR LOADED TRUCKS NOW AT NAMBOARD DEPOTS IN NDOLA AWAITING AVAILABILITY OF ZAMBIA RAILWAYS ENGINE. SHORTAGE OF ZAMBIA RAILWAYS ENGINES EXISTS BECAUSE OF HIGH PRIORITY ON LUSAKA/DAR ROUTE AND EXTREME SHORTAGE OF LUBRICATING OILS; NAMBOARD HAS REQUESTED GRZ TO APPROVE DIVERSION OF TWO ENGINES FROM DAR RUN TO HELP CLEAR SHABA MAIZE SHIPMENT BACKLOG. ZAMBIA RAILWAYS EXPECTS FREQUENCY OF SHIPMENTS TO PICK UP SHORTLY. UNDERSTAND LAST SHIPMENT FROM NDOLA WAS FEBRUARY 13.

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3. GECAMINES APPARENTLY FRUSTRATED IN ATTEMPT TO DEAL DIRECTLY WITH NAMBOARD IN LUSAKA BY ZAIRE EMBASSY HERE. NAMBOARD EXPERIENCEING SOME DIFFICULTIES IN COMMUNICATING WITH GECAMINES AS WELL. AS ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF COMMUNICATIONS, GECAMINES MIGHT BE ADVISED TO USE BELGIAN FRENCH OR OUR EMBASSY SHOULD DEPARTMENT CONCUR.

4. NO CERTAINTY OUR APPROACH WILL HAVE ANY EFFECT  
OTHER THAN TO REASSURE GECAMINES ZAMBIAN AUTHORITIES  
AWARE OF PROBLEM AND MAKING EFFORTS TO RESOLVE.  
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